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Student Nominations Sought for EcoART Contest *Program to recognize high school artists*

Frankfort, Ky. (Oct. 8, 2015) —Creative and environmentally conscious students are needed! The Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (DEP) is soliciting nominations for the 2015–16 EcoART Contest. The contest, which is in its seventh year, provides an opportunity for students to gain statewide recognition for their artwork as it relates to Kentucky's environment. Used as a tool for environmental education, art supports DEP's mission to protect and conserve Kentucky's environment.

Multiple awards will be presented to eligible Kentucky high school students who create art using the contest's environmental themes of air, water and land and natural habitats. Students may submit artwork using the media types of drawing/painting/print, mixed media, sculpture/pottery, digital artwork and photography, with one winner for each submitted media type within each theme.

Artwork from previous years' contest winners is displayed in the DEP Training Center in Frankfort, where it has been viewed by thousands of visitors. Winning artwork and the artists from the 2014-15 contest may be seen at <http://dca.ky.gov/LGGS/Pages/ecoart.aspx>.

Contest nominations are being accepted until midnight Feb. 28, 2016. All nominations must be sent via email only to envhelp@ky.gov. A digital picture of each artwork nomination must accompany each form submitted. Eligible students include all students enrolled in Kentucky public and private high schools or homeschooled for the 2015–16 academic year. Winners will be notified in March, and winning entries will be displayed in the DEP Office Building in Frankfort.

For more information about the EcoART Contest and to access a nomination form, visit <http://dca.ky.gov/LGGS/Pages/ecoart.aspx> or call the Division of Compliance Assistance toll-free at 800-926-8111.

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